

Shaker Woods Homeowners' Association (SWHOA)
Annual Meeting
Monday, October 17
7:30-9pm
Armstrong Elementary

Minutes

- I. President's Welcome
- II. Business Items
 - a. ARC Report:
Members: Jim Norman, Vijay Aggarwal, Barb Elwell
ARC is an advisory and very key piece of the community. As families want to change and update house, we understand and want to keep with the character and culture of the neighborhood. The ARC is aware and will continue to play a role in the transformation as it occurs. Ideally, we will keep any updates and changes with the original integrity of the neighborhood. The meeting unanimously approved the committee.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: Dues will remain the same. We have asked for a delay of repaving of our streets by VDOT after the gas project is complete. Three notable expenses:
 - i. Konrad updated the homeowners on SWHOA's help with the Deer Forest entrance. Reston Association has discontinued that service. Going forward, we (Pro Grounds) will share this expense with non Shaker Woods HoA homeowners of Deer Forest.
 - ii. Another expense is the mowing of Wiehle Ave where neither Reston Association nor VDOT has the funds to maintain appropriately.
 - iii. Fallen trees continue to be an area of focus as our neighborhood ages.
 - c. Secretary's Report: N/A
 - d. Update on Gas Supply: Gas lines are going in as we speak. Washington Gas is completing the main on Reston Avenue this week and then returning to the bottom half of Gilman Lane. After the main is complete, they will begin individual houses. Three houses have been completed. The crews will be doing one house per day and three on Saturdays. Six houses have converted and will take priority. In total, 28 houses have signed up. If Southington Lane can get 12 homes to sign up, Washington Gas will feel it's "worth their while" to consider pursuing the legal discussion with Columbia. Homeowners stated that nine homeowners on Southington are interested, so in fact, just three more are needed. We recognize that the newly built house on Reston Avenue that intended to install gas, actually opened the door for us to work with Washington Gas for the benefit of the entire neighborhood.
 - i. Questions from individual at end of Shaker Drive:
 - 1. Do you have to convert? No. You are now eligible
 - 2. What does it cost at this point:
 - a. If you are a group and you go to Washington Gas – there will be one group rate but may vary based on conversions.
 - b. If you are not a group, but an individual – you cannot get a meter on your house, you have to commit to 3 appliances.

- c. Neighbors have paid for the gas, it would be a good idea to go in with the neighborhood as a credit back to those who paid versus going on your own.
 - d. Initial quote for neighborhood was \$250K. The Shaker Woods HoA consortium paid about \$105K. However, increased volume drives price down. \$3,800 per house at this point.
 - ii. Question: What will it cost for four houses on Shaker Drive Tier 2?
 - 1. Waiting for update on cost – group rate and conversions will play into decision
 - iii. Question: Deadline/Timeline? November 11 is still the target.
 - iv. Question: Appearance? Will it look like it did before, if I didn't get gas? The intent is to return the neighborhood to its previous condition. Please let the board know if there are any lingering concerns.
 - v. Question: Are they compacting the dirt when refilling? Example of Verizon Fios. If they don't compact the sinkage will happen.
 - vi. THANK YOU, Sheldon. ☺
 - e. Website, Facebook and SSWHOA Directory
 - i. Website: storage, static, not a lot of traffic www.theshakerwoods.net
 - ii. Directory: will be updated and online in a password protected environment as a subset of the website. Coming soon.
 - iii. Email: we do our best to contact neighbors through this medium
 - iv. Facebook: Invites coming. Modern place for the community to connect and share photos or ideas/concerns.
 - f. HOA Electronic Data File System: Seven boxes in Konrad's garage being scanned and converted to a digital filing system. Archive in multiple locations. This is a more responsible way to manage and keep our records safe and maintained for the long haul.
 - g. Election of 2016 Board Members:
 - i. Re-election: Konrad Huppi, Sheldon Jones
 - ii. Newly elected: Bibhash Das
 - iii. Current: Emily Clark, Gary Timm
 - iv. Stepping Down: Richard Miller
- III. QUESTIONS:
- a. With the more relaxed ARC, how do you want to receive concerns about eye sores, aging homes, and deteriorating integrity of the neighborhood? Emails are the best way to reach the ARC and express the issue.
 - b. Update on Home Sales? On average the homes in SSWHOA are on the market 4-5 days with a few exceptions.
- IV. Adjournment